

Remarks

By the said Office Action only certain formal matters were raised and the claims were considered to be in form for allowance apart from such informalities. Prosecution on the merits was closed.

In response to the formal matters raised by the Examiner, applicant has amended the application to correct said informalities, as follows: (I) the drawings of Figures 2(a), 2(b), 3(a) and 3(b) have been amended to add element numbers to refer to elements of said figures and, in turn, the specification has been amended to add these element numbers; (II) the Abstract has been amended to render it less than 150 words; and, (III) the claims have been amended to replace the acronyms IC and DC with their actual meanings and, in turn, a corresponding amendment has been made on page 6 of the specification. In addition to the foregoing:

- (i) Figures 3(a) and 3(b) have been amended to correct the spelling error "DS" (representing "duty cycle") to --DC-- and the term "MAX" after "2%" (representing "2% maximum") has been removed so as to avoid any confusion being created by this term in view of the previously defined term "Max" (meaning Maximum Counter amount in Figure 2(a) and 2(b));
- (ii) The incomplete reference on page 9 to "Figure 2" has been corrected to refer to Figure 2(a);
- (iii) The reference in Figures 3(a) and 3(b) to "2T" has been added on page 9; and,
- (iv) A sentence has been added on page 9 to refer to the counter increment step 30 of Figure 2(b).

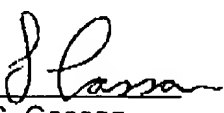
No new matter has been added by these amendments and the same are fully supported by the original application (specification and drawings as originally filed).

The foregoing amendments are believed to fully address and satisfy the Examiner's requirements and, accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in good form for passage to allowance.

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